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To: Donald R Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Bcc: Debbie.DynerHarris@lacity.org
Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 14:08:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Important Meeting for Melrose BID Property & Business Owners

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Cc: Pierson Blaetz <pierson@greenwayarts.org>, Debbie Dyner Harris <Debbie.DynerHarris@lacity.org>, Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 14:27:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)
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Good Afternoon Mathew...

You've probably received this meeting notice several times at this point. The Melrose BID believes that this Uplift Melrose improvement project is exactly the kind of project that Melrose Elementary School families would want to see implemented to benefit their families and school. It's unfortunately, probably the only significant funding we can hope to see for the foreseeable future and it's uses are really limited by the terms of the State funding measure that adopted it. Can you get the word out to your parents and staff? They should log on and take the survey and attend the virtual meeting on August 26 @ 6:30 PM. Everyone should participate, including school staff.

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PS - We intend to use this project as a way to re-energize our discussions with LAUSD for after hours valet parking use of at least a portion of the school site with revenues to go to Melrose Elementary.

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I was able to catch up to Pastor Mark yesterday and only then did I find out about his retirement. Well deserved. He was a great leader for the Church. We will miss him. He directed me to you with this important email / meeting invitation for Wednesday evening.

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To: paul.koretz@lacity.org
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Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 16:51:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: letter

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August 21, 2020

Honorable Paul Koretz
City Council Member
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
Room 440
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Paul.koretz@lacity.org

Re: Torah Ohr Supports Project Uplift Melrose

Honorable Council Member Koretz:

The congregation at Torah Ohr is writing you today to show our support for the Uplift Melrose Project. This project, which will bring necessary improvements to Melrose, is long overdue. What a wonderful idea to make Melrose safer by reducing traffic speed, extending sidewalks, creating protected bicycle lanes, increasing lighting for safety, among other noted improvements that are showcased in the project brief.

As residents of the area, we know that the area has needed improvements for quite some time. You now have the opportunity to make a lasting impact in our community. On behalf of our entire congregation, we ask that you support the City's ATP Grant application for the Uplift Melrose Project.

Looking forward to hearing positive movement.

Sincerely,

Torah Ohr

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Cc: Kim Sudhalter <kim@urbanlegendpr.com>, Scott Epstein <sepstein@midcitywest.org>
Bcc: Debbie.DynerHarris@lacity.org
Date: Mon Aug 10 2020 14:45:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Link to Tuesday Mid City West Community Council Board Meeting

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Please see the attached flyer with a link to participate in tomorrow's 6:30 PM Mid City West Community Council Board Meeting re the proposed pedestrian infrastructure improvement grant application.

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- ATA Grant Mid City West Outreach Flyer 200810.pdf

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Cc: Cathy Roberts <crmaison@gmail.com>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>
Date: Tue Aug 04 2020 14:32:19 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Melrose Avenue Active Transportation Project

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Date: Thu Aug 06 2020 13:20:51 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Melrose Avenue Active Transportation Project

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Good Afternoon Philip,
My name is Alexander Caiozzo, Project Manager for the Melrose Avenue Streetscape Project/Melrose Avenue Active Transportation Project (Uplift Melrose). I am including the Project Lead Jeff Palmer on this email as well. We would like to request to be put on your August 12th 7:00 pm Agenda for the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Meeting, to present the proposed changes to Melrose Avenue and gain feedback from the community on the concept. We are applying for additional grant funding and the application is due September 15th, 2020. All community outreach will be occurring in a very short window of time.

The original Melrose Ave. Streetscape Project is a 3.9 million dollar funded 2015 Metro Call for Projects grant., with project limits along Melrose Avenue from Highland to Fairfax. The original scope of work includes bus stop safety lighting, landscape planting, access improvements, wayfinding signage and site furnishings.

A few months back, in presenting our preliminary conceptual plans to the Melrose BID, there was a resounding desire for additional elements to be included along Melrose Ave. that were not included in the 2015 Grant funding. To address the desire for making Melrose a more 'complete street', StreetsLA will now applying for additional grant funding through the Active Transportation Program (ATP Cycle 5) Grant- Application Due September 15th, 2020 (Uplift Melrose). We are seeking funding of approximately 40-50 million dollars.

**Project information**
The scope of the proposed Melrose Avenue Active Transportation Streetscape Project (Uplift Melrose) is as follows:

- Separated bikeways at sidewalk grade - 2035 Mobility Plan (Class 4 Bikeway)
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- Raised east/west crosswalks on Melrose Ave. for pedestrians walking and on bicycles
- Approx. 4 acres of newly delineated pedestrian Public Space
- New pedestrian lighting throughout the corridor, new wayfinding specific to bicycling, and other new pedestrian amenities
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**Visuals and Graphics**

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**Voting on the Concept and Gaining Project Feedback**

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If there are other questions in the interim, please let us know.

Thank you,

**Alexander J. Caiozzo**
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Bcc: Debbie.DynerHarris@lacity.org
Date: Tue Jun 02 2020 14:19:16 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Melrose BID Damages / Economic Recovery Needs

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It was very nice to meet you on the telephone yesterday. As promised, the attached letter quantifies some of our District's losses and identifies concrete and easily and quickly implemented actions that the Mayor's Office could take to assist in Melrose recovery. We would be very happy to schedule a working meeting to delve into additional details of our requests.

As our stakeholders communicate new "pinch points" to their recovery or needs, we will relay those to you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me as we can assist in any manner whatsoever. Thank you, Leila. Thank you Mayor Garcetti.

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**Attachments:**

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Date: Tue Apr 14 2020 11:29:04 GMT-0700 (PDT)
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Date: Thu Apr 16 2020 10:08:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Melrose BID Recovery Plans

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Glad to assist. Please keep me posted on efforts to get approval to move the funds toward these two projects.

On Wed, Apr 15, 2020 at 8:12 PM Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

> All of this makes perfect sense to me Jay. Thank you so much. You are the greatest!
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> > I am sorry for the delay in getting back to you. We are all working from home and I needed to find time between my various conference calls to get to my office to grab my file with the key information I need regarding signal projects in the district. Now that I have that file I was able to confirm that the Department of Transportation had approved the Traffic Control Report for each of these projects in Feb. and May of last year. That is our first step and has put these on our list of about forty signal projects in CD 5 waiting to be built. The next step in this process is to attach the funding to the project which is needed in order to get the projects into design and then into a bid package. This all takes time and any expectation that this can all happen within a year would not be realistic. The next step that is needed is to determine how to work with Streets LA and Metro to direct a portion of your grant toward these two projects. The estimate given by DOT about six months ago was $220,000 for the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at Melrose at Orange and $200,000 for the same type of signal at Stanley Ave. Once you can get approval from Metro and Streets LA, I can then work with DOT to determine how to get the projects in the queue for design and then included in a bid package. We have about ten other projects that are now at that step in the process and we are waiting to see when each can complete design and be scheduled to go out to

bid. Please let me know if you have any questions.

On Tue, Apr 14, 2020 at 3:18 PM Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Don. We can certainly work to see if those pedestrian signals can be added to this year's budget- however, given the virus and its fallout, next year's budget is completely up in the air at the moment. I am including Jay Greentstein on this email as he will be our point person on that particular piece.
Debbie

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Date: Mon Apr 20 2020 10:11:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Melrose BID Recovery Plans

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Cc: Margaret Taylor <margaret@apex-la.com>
Date: Tue Sep 08 2020 09:38:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Melrose Elementary School Support for Uplift Melrose

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Please see the attached letter.

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**Attachments:**

- Uplift Melrose Ltr of Support_Melrose Elementary 200908.pdf

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Date: Wed Aug 26 2020 15:34:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Melrose Reconfiguration Nextdoor.com Poll Results

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- Melrose Poll - August 2020.pdf
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And the provided image is misleading — it looks like there are two vehicle lanes approaching the crosswalk. The image does NOT telegraph the true intentions of the program. It's as if the proponents did not want to draw attention to something that would elicit resistance, so it was minimized in the marketing materials. That's not transparency in my opinion.

How can the public trust a process that is not forthcoming and honest about what it intends?

My two cents.

I live in Miracle Mile. I admit I would enjoy biking up to this “mall” as a reccreational outing with my son, but believe those who live nearby and have to live with the impacts should carry the most weight in determining the outcome.

Barbara Gallen

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I am officially going on record to object to this whole project/meeting process. The City of Los Angeles has a settlement agreement with Fix The City Inc. detailing how these meetings would proceed and what information needed to be presented to the public before the meetings were scheduled. I have made that information known and it is being ignored and as a member of Fix The City I object. The Councilman can call it a trial, a grant application or anything he wants to call it but the protocol has been violated.
As a result the neighborhood has been forced to do surveys and comment on a project that may or not happen. What is worse is that the public does not have the information it needs to make an informed decision. The entire agreement was drafted so that the public could be fully informed and then make a decision based on metrics that included neighborhood intrusion studies, EMS data and other safety protocols. Once again the City is breaking its word.

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How is it that homeowners and renters who live SOUTH of Beverly Blvd received flyers on their doors when our area did not?

I am very troubled by the BID's inconsistent outreach efforts, and I hope they will distribute flyers to the areas they have missed as soon as possible.

Regards,

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A few questions/points:
1 - can you get me a visual(s) and/or any project 1 sheets or marketing materials
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Please see the revised flyer attached. This can now be shared/disseminated. For the contact information regarding the meeting on August 11th - we added the Mid City West Council name and email to the bottom of the flyer. Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Regards,

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On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 5:15 PM Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org> wrote:

All,
Please hold off on disseminating the flyer just yet. A couple of changes were just brought to our attention and we will modify/send back this evening.

Thank you,

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Good Afternoon Scott,
Please see the attached the outreach flyer for the August 11th meeting at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to presenting to the group and getting feedback. If you have any comments, please let us know.

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On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 2:59 PM Tim Fremaux <tim.fremaux@lacity.org> wrote:

> Agreed. We already reached out to Metro and we know which stops will be eliminated.
>
> Tim Fremaux
> Sr. Transp. Engr.
> LADOT - Western and Valley
> District Operations
>
> On Thu, Aug 6, 2020, 2:38 PM Scott Epstein <scottevanepstein@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> Gotcha. Thanks, Tim. It seems to me it will be important to work closely with Metro on the consolidated bus stop spacing. It would be desirable to minimize the amount of times that the cycle track has to weave without reducing the quality of the experience for bus riders.
>>
>> Scott
>>
>> On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 2:27 PM Tim Fremaux <tim.fremaux@lacity.org> wrote:
>>
>>> Hi Scott,
>>>
>>> I can answer this one. DOT has concerns about in-lane bus stops where there is only one lane of through traffic. I worked on another project where this was proposed, and volumes were lower than Melrose, and still, the concerns were enough that the project was modified after already being funded (and scoped originally by me). The best way I can articulate the concern is that with a bus blocking the far side of the intersection while at a stop, there is speculation that drivers would try to circumvent the bus by driving into oncoming traffic, and/or get stuck if trying to make a left turn from the intersecting street, into the back of the bus so to speak. There could also be gridlock scenarios if the bus is standing for an extended period of time.
>>>
>>> **Tim Frémaux**
>>> Senior Transportation Engineer
>>> Valley and Western District Operations
>>>
>>> Los Angeles Department of Transportation
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>>> 818.374.4688

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On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 2:22 PM Scott Epstein <scottevanepstein@gmail.com> wrote:

> Alexander, I have another question regarding scope of work.
>
> Will the project include curb extensions into the parking lane at bus stops? With Metro's Next Gen project aiming to improve the efficiency and reliability of the bus system, and the city passing a motion to support enhanced bus infrastructure as well, this would seem a worthwhile investment on Melrose. This design also seems to me to be the best compliment to the cycle track because without the expanded waiting area, the bike path would have to weave around the bus stops.
>
> Best,
>
> Scott
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> On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 1:30 PM Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> Thank you.
>>
>> On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 12:41 PM Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org> wrote:
>>
>>> Good Afternoon Michael,
>>> The overall vision will include more shade trees and landscape planting.
>>> The Outreach Flyer to be sent over shotly, for the August 11th meeting. Project Brief is still in progress.
>>>
>>> Thank you,
>>>
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On Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 4:35 PM Michael Schneider <m@michaelschneider.com> wrote:

Hi Alexander,
Would this grant also include more street trees/shade/landscaping? Would love to see that as part of it.

Michael

On Aug 5, 2020, at 10:45 AM, Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Morning All,
See our responses to your questions above.

**Regarding the visuals and any graphic material/project information**

**a.** A sIngle page pdf flyer is currently being designed by StreetsLA team to be shared for any outreach meetings. This flyer will be the same flyer used for all outreach meetings, with a changed date/time and host name. Flyer will have a flashy graphic of the exciting new proposed improvements along Melrose and basic project information. Intent of this flyer is to get people interested in joining a meeting and hearing more information on the proposed project. This flyer will be completed by tomorrow and we will share with the group, for the August 11th meeting.

**b.** A website tab is being created, likely to be hosted through the City StreetsLA website. Website will have a pdf link with a 2-3 page detailed concept plan, graphics and project information (Project Brief). The link is intended for folks who can not join in any meetings, or want to take a closer look at the concept post meeting. Our goal is to have this up and running in time for the Tuesday August 11th meeting.

**c.** The Project presentation is being updated and made graphically legible for the Tuesday August 11th meeting and any subsequent community outreach meeting

**Regarding voting on the concept and gaining general project feedback**

**a.** We are working with our public relations group at StreetsLA on the survey capabilities. The goal is to have a space for folks to vote/comment post outreach/Board meeting as well as through the

website tab we are creating. The portal for voting/comments may all end up in the same online space. Will know more in the next day or two.

**Regarding additional project information, project materials and motion for the board**
The scope of the Melrose Avenue Active Transportation Streetscape Project is as follows:

- Separated bikeways at sidewalk grade - 2035 Mobility Plan (Class 4 Bikeway)
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- Raised east/west crosswalks on Melrose Ave. for pedestrians walking and on bicycles
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**b.** The community outreach flyer as well as the Project Brief will provide additional project information and graphics.

**Regarding any other groups to be included in meetings or outreach**

**a.** Any additional connections will benefit the

holistic and broad outreach process, in this short window of time. However, at this point, we do not have the capabilities of joining or hosting additional meetings, as there are about 6-7 scheduled at this time, and the application due date is September 15th.

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On Tue, Aug 4, 2020 at 4:36 PM Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org> wrote:

> Hi All,
> Thank you so much for your prompt responses. I will respond in depth tomorrow (marketing materials, survey, projects facts etc.).
>
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On Tue, Aug 4, 2020 at 3:31 PM Isack Fadlon <isackf@sportiela.com> wrote:

Hi All,

Wonderful to see the level of commitment to this proposed project. Looking forward to the zoom meeting on August 11th.

Best,

Isack

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**From:** Michael Schneider <m@michaelschneider.com>
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 8:55 PM
**To:** Alexander Caiozzo
**Cc:** Scott Epstein; Isack Fadlon; Tim Fremaux; Donald Duckworth; Debbie Dyner Harris; Jay Greenstein; Kevin Nahai; Sunil Rajpal; margaret@apex-la.com; Ernesto Gonzalez; Jeff Palmer
**Subject:** Re: Melrose Streetscape ATP Grant Application and Outreach: August 11th

Hi Alexander,
I've spoken with Scott Epstein (cc'd and our NC chair) and we can give you guys 15 minutes of presentation time and 15-30 min of Q&A at our August 11 meeting. The meeting begins at 630pm and we estimate that you would be able to present around 715pm. It is all done on Zoom. As I am sure you are aware, anyone can make public comments on any item including this one, and each person has 3 minutes to do so. We are happy to publicize this on our FB, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, and you are welcome to extend the invitation to whoever you'd like to attend. We can also do an email blast publicizing this.

A few questions/points:
1 - can you get me a visual(s) and/or any project 1 sheets or marketing materials
2 - how will you survey people for the 60% threshold? That would be helpful to understand
3 - I need to prepare a motion for our board to consider after your presentation, so the more detail (and materials) I can get ahead of time, the more accurate I can be in our motion to potentially support the project
4 - I spoke with some people at the Greater Wilshire NC today who are very excited by this project as well (their NC has Melrose between

La Brea and Highland), I would be happy to make those connections for you and see how we can expedite their outreach if helpful

Happy to chat live if needed tomorrow as well.

Michael

> On Aug 3, 2020, at 5:49 PM, Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org> wrote:
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> Good Afternoon Isack,
> My name is Alexander Caiozzo, Project Manager for the Melrose Avenue Streetscape Project/Melrose Avenue Active Transportation Project I am including the Project Lead Jeff Palmer on this email as well. The original Melrose Ave. Streetscape Project is a 3.9 million dollar funded 2015 Metro Call for Projects grant., with project limits along Melrose Avenue from Highland to Fairfax. The original scope of work includes bus stop safety lighting, landscape planting, access improvements, wayfinding signage and site furnishings.
>
> A few months back, in presenting our preliminary conceptual plans to the Melrose BID, there was a resounding desire for additional elements to be included along Melrose Ave. that were not included in the 2015 Grant funding. To address the desire for making Melrose a more 'complete street', StreetsLA will now applying for additional grant funding through the Active Transportation Program (ATP Cycle 5) Grant- **Application Due September 15th, 2020.** The overall concept of roadway changes has been reviewed and coordinated with Tim Fremaux at DOT. The additional scope of work includes:
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for grant funding without the transformative concept being shared with the community first and gaining general positive feedback; with a minimum 60% 'YES' on the overall concept - otherwise we will can not submit. *Please note that modifications or removal of any of design elements, even at particular street corners or mid-block locations, after the award of the potential 40-50 million dollar ATP grant, would be contradictory to the criteria of winning the grant funding.* We run the great chance of losing all the 40-50 million dollar funding if there is general negative feedback and scope request changes after the fact.

We are looking to your group to assist StreetsLA now in an expedited community outreach effort, as the deadline for the Grant Application is **September 15th, 2020**, and proof of diligent outreach strengthens the application viability. It is to our understanding that you have a meeting coming up on August 11th. What are your thoughts on opening up that meeting to the local high school and elementary school members, residents south and north of Melrose and the local Orthodox groups; with a 15 minute presentation by our group and 15-30 minutes of questions/comments. Also, what is the format of that meeting (Zoom etc?).

Please let me know how we can assist in coordinating. It is pivotal that we get as much outreach and responses in the next few weeks.

Regards,

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<Mid City West Outreach Flyer.pdf>

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**Attachments:**

- Mid City West Outreach Flyer_8.7.2020.pdf

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Cc: Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Ernesto Gonzalez <ernesto.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>, Sunil Rajpal <sunil.rajpal@lacity.org>
Date: Fri Jul 31 2020 16:06:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Melrose Streetscape ATP Grant Application and Outreach

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Good Afternoon Donald,

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Date: Mon Aug 03 2020 10:39:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Fwd: Melrose Streetscape ATP Grant Application and Outreach

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Hi All,
Please see below list of suggested meeting the Melrose BID. To be discussed.

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Cc: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>

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Kind regards,

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**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2020 5:02 PM
**To:** Margaret Taylor
**Cc:** Alexander Caiozzo
**Subject:** Fwd: Melrose Streetscape ATP Grant Application and Outreach

Margaret, please send Alexander the list you compiled. Thank you.

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Let me know if this can be accomodated.

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<duckworth.donald@gmail.com> wrote:

We are in the process of talking with the Hollywood Chamber. They seem supportive. I'll keep you posted.

On Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 4:32 PM Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Donald and Margaret,
We have had a chance to review the list of upcoming meetings sent by Margaret (thank you).
Please see below the list in chronological order, with our comments.

1. **Mid City West Community Council: (Isack taking lead)**
   **Streetscape and Commercial Committee – Thursday August 6th at 7:00 pm**
   We will be reaching out to Michael Schneider, Scott Epstein and Isack Fadlon for StreetsLA to get on this agenda (15 minute presentation and 15 minutes of questions)

2. **Mid City West Community Council: (Isack taking lead)**
   **Board – Tuesday August 11th at 6:30 pm**
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3. **Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (Margaret taking lead) - Jeffrey Carpenter contact**
   **General Board Meeting – August 12th at 7:00 pm**
   Please include StreetsLA in the agenda for a 15 minute presentation and 15 minutes of questions.

4. **Melrose BID Board – Don taking lead**
   **Board - Friday August 14th at 10:00 am**
   Please include StreetsLA on the agenda for a 15 minute presentation and 15 minutes of questions. If the Board Approves, we will need a letter of support of the project.

5. **Melrose Action Committee (Don taking lead) - Peter Nichols**
   **Time/Date TBD**
   Please include StreetsLA in the agenda for a 15 minute presentation and 15 minutes of questions.

6. **Business Owners/Business Property Owners (Don/Kim taking lead)**
   **Time/Date TBD**
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7. **Transportation Committee**
   **New Time/Date TBD - can a special meeting be held for our presentation? Currently scheduled Sept. 28th meeting will be after the application is due.**

8. **Hollywood Chamber (will not need to meet at this time)**

Let me know if this can be accomodated.

Thank you,

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Additional:
Melrose Action Alert / Peter Nichols– Don taking lead (Time / Date TBD)
Hollywood Chamber – Don taking lead (Time/Date TBD)
Business Owners / Business Property Owners – Don/Kim taking lead (Time/Date TBD)

Kind regards,

**Margaret Taylor**

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**From:** Donald Duckworth [mailto:duckworth.donald@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2020 5:02 PM
**To:** Margaret Taylor
**Cc:** Alexander Caiozzo
**Subject:** Fwd: Melrose Streetscape ATP Grant Application and Outreach

Margaret, please send Alexander the list you compiled. Thank you.

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Alexander Caiozzo** <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
Date: Fri, Jul 31, 2020 at 4:06 PM
Subject: Melrose Streetscape ATP Grant Application and Outreach
To: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Cc: Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Ernesto Gonzalez <ernesto.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>, Sunil Rajpal <sunil.rajpal@lacity.org>

Good Afternoon Donald,

Thank you for your feedback during yesterday's meeting.
Jeff and I have spent the day working with our Grant's Group to gain a better understanding of the requirements of the ATP grant as well as the necessary outreach for a holistic/competitive application.

Per our conversation with the Grant's Group, it is now understood that the documents included in the grant application are set in stone and should not be modified once we receive funding. The ATP Grant approval committee is quite strict and the grants are not flexible after approval.

The application will include a plan for the entire corridor of Melrose from Highland to Fairfax, outlining the locations of the new proposed layouts of bumpouts, eliminations of the majority of left turn lanes/pockets, removed drive lanes, introduction of protected bike lanes and widened sidewalks. Modifications or removal of any of these elements, even at particular street corners or mid-block locations, after the award of the potential 40-50 million dollar ATP grant, would be

contradictory to the criteria of winning the grant funding. We run the great chance of losing all of the funding if scope is modified after award.

The goal for this application is to gain general support for the concept now. As discussed in our meeting yesterday, we need to start on the fast tracked outreach process, with the broadest reach possible. We are not looking for particular feedback on concrete colors, bench materials, tree species etc. just yet and can gain more feedback on these more detailed elements after the potential award of the grant.

Can you please provide a list of the already scheduled group/committee meetings coming up in the next two weeks, noting the type of attendees (business owners, residents, property owners etc). We can discuss further once our team has had a chance to review.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

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Date: Fri Apr 17 2020 14:57:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Melrose Streetscape PDF Documents

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Good Afternoon All,
Thank you again for a productive meeting. Please see attached PDF documents from our presentation. Enjoy your weekends.

Regards,

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**Attachments:**

- MELROSE PROJECT UPDATE 200417.pdf

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Date: Fri Jul 24 2020 13:33:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Melrose Streetscape: ATP Grant Application

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Date: Fri Jul 24 2020 14:16:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Melrose Streetscape: ATP Grant Application

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Date: Fri Jul 24 2020 14:21:56 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: Melrose Streetscape: ATP Grant Application

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Date: Mon Jul 27 2020 06:01:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Melrose Streetscape: ATP Grant Application

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I'll see if I can collect BID BD for one of those times. I'll try to confirm today asap.

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Cc: Debbie Dyner Harris <Debbie.DynerHarris@lacity.org>, Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>, Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
Date: Fri Sep 04 2020 18:53:09 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: MTA Project Details

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**Attachments:**

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Date: Fri Sep 04 2020 20:35:58 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: MTA Project Details

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Thanks for following up so quickly. As you know, I reached out to community members skeptical of Uplift Melrose's potentiel success. I was surprised to learn that their biggest reason for being unsupportive is not the project itself. It is their lack of trust in the data presented and their disbelief that mitigation strategies to manage negative impacts will be implemented. They are afraid this project will backfire and are making comparisons to the Mar Vista project they thought is similar to this. They placed a significant emphasis of their mistrust in officials on their impressions that the $3.9M grant intended for our neighborhood has not been capitalized on yet. They were under the impression that it was the BID's responsibility. It would help extend an olive branch if I could bring clarify to how this grant gets dispersed, what the plan has been for

its usage, and what has been done so far to go towards the Intended plan. Thank you to whoever who can help! Hopefully trust will be a short term issue and we can demonstrate built in mechanisms for accountability somehow. I'm looking forward to keeping this project moving forward. Have a lovely weekend. Nasim Kablan 700 Block N Stanley (646)246-5286 > On Sep 4, 2020, at 18:53, Donald Duckworth wrote: > >  > It was nice to talk to you last night. Thank you for spending the time and effort. > > I've attached a copy of the MTA Call for Projects Grant Summary that I have. It's published in the Melrose BID Strategic Action Plan document: Melrose Future Vision. I don't really have possession of any additional documents / information about this project. I'm thinking that I've seen paper documents about cash flows / grant disbursement schedules / etc. but didn't keep them. There would be no reason to do so. > > It seems appropriate to clarify that this is a City of Los Angeles project. While the concept for a grant application was originated by me, it was handed over to Jeff Jacobberger, the BID's consultant at that time, Jay Greenstein, CD5 Planning Deputy, and other City staff for application preparation. The Melrose BID does not receive any of the funds nor is it in the official chain of command with respect to project details or construction or expenditures. The Melrose BID is an important stakeholder in the project and maintains an open line of communication with City staff in that regard. . > > You were asking about project details and disbursement schedules that are really best answered by someone that knows the details. It would seem like Jay Greenstein, Debbie Dyner Harris, or Alexander Caiozzo, all copied above, would be the people for you to talk to. The Melrose BID will, of course, do everything we can to assist you. > > As we can assist in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your efforts to bring peace, truth, and trust into the community. > > > > > >

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Date: Tue Sep 08 2020 11:01:21 GMT-0700 (PDT)
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I do not recall ever being involved with this project.  Can you respond on our behalf?

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>>> Good Afternoon Nasim,
>>> Thank you for your email. I would be happy to speak by phone next week regarding the Melrose Streetscape Project. I am available at 1:00 pm Tuesday Oct. 13 or

Wednesday anytime after 1:00 pm. Let me know what works best for you and I can send you a calendar invite with the call-in details.

Regards,

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On Thu, Oct 8, 2020 at 10:11 AM Nasim Kablan <np241@nyu.edu> wrote:

> Good Morning Alex,
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> I am writing to see if you had a chance to review my email below and you are willing to work with me to increase the likelihood that your plans are received well by the community.
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> Best regards,
> Nasim
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> On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 7:58 AM Nasim Kablan <np241@nyu.edu> wrote:
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>> Good morning Alex,
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>> I called your office was your voicemail was unclear as to whether or not you are checking messages. Therefore, I am following up with an email.
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>> I am familiar with you and Jeff from the two Uplift Melrose zoom calls I attended. To me, you are the visionaries and gatekeepers to my neighborhood. Your work has shown to be forward thinking and I am grateful to have you spearheading Melrose's changes.
>>
>> Unfortunately, regardless of how supportive I am of your work, Uplift Melrose was not well received by a vocal part of the community. After speaking extensively with some of the active members of Melrose Village against the project, one reoccurring theme was not about the work itself but more about how it was presented. The neighbors felt that they were not included or given a voice and were being forced into

change. That triggered distrust and fear from them.

Although I do not share the same concerns, I understand that many of the residents have lived here for 20+ years and feel a sense of ownership to their local streets of LA. Justified or not, I am writing to you because I am most interested in protecting you as much as possible from falling into the same pattern and end result.

I would like to suggest involving stakeholders at an earlier part of the process. It seems that you are developing a complete set of schematic designs to present to stakeholders. As much as I trust your work, I would like to suggest that you take a different approach this time. One that would help build the trust back from the neighbors who lobby hard against projects that they fear (and often not fully understand). One that also would gather support ahead of time from stakeholders like the police department.

I am most interested in working with you to create a small group of stakeholders who can provide feedback at this early stage before schematic designs are completed so that your direction is one that will be more likely to be received well. I also would like to help develop your outreach presentation so that it addresses the stakeholders concerns more effectively. I strongly believe that Uplift Melrose's presentation left people confused and in turn did not get the credit it deserved. That is not to say that it would have been fully supported. However, many stakeholders made incorrect assumptions about the impacts and lack of mitigations. That could have been avoided.

The only way to make real change is to challenge old ideas. Your urban planning schemes do just that. Now let's get everyone on the same page so that we can move forward with a new Melrose!

I am happy to tell you in detail my motivations and qualifications beyond being a resident before you commit to including me in any of your work. I just hope you are open to at least setting up a call with me to hear out my ideas.

Thank you for your time.
Nasim Kablan
700 block N Stanley
(646)246-5286

On Tue, Sep 22, 2020 at 8:51 AM Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org> wrote:

> Good Morning Nasim,

My name is Alexander Caiozzo, Landscape Architect and Project Manager for the Bureau of Street Services, StreetsLA. I am including Jeff Palmer, Landscape Architect and Project Lead on this email as well.

Regarding the Metro 2015 Call for Project 3.9 million dollar grant:
We are in the process of identifying the scope and preparing conceptual plans for the Melrose Streetscape Project. Once these are completed, we will be sharing the concept with the neighbors, business owners and surrounding community for feedback and comments. At that time, we will go through how the grant money will be spent, project timeline and description of construction activities.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please let me know. I am happy to clarify anything.

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> Can we set up a call with Alex and you to talk through how to get my fellow residents to feel like allies as well as for me to better understand how the grant will be disbursed and used?
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I believe Alexander will be the Project Manager on that.

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> I would like to be involved in the $3.9M grant usage at the early stages of planning for Melrose Village. Is there a formal committee to join?
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> Is there a a specific group of people or department spearheading an overall vision for this neighborhood? If there is not one, I would like to assist in forming one so that the different stakeholders come together to create a unified plan.
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> > It was nice to talk to you last night. Thank you for spending the time and effort.
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> > I've attached a copy of the MTA Call for Projects Grant Summary that I have. It's published in the Melrose BID Strategic Action Plan document: Melrose Future Vision. I don't really have possession of any additional documents / information about this project. I'm thinking that I've seen paper documents about cash flows / grant disbursement schedules / etc. but didn't keep them. There would be no reason to do so.
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> > It seems appropriate to clarify that this is a City of Los Angeles project. While the concept for a grant application was originated by me, it

was handed over to Jeff Jacobberger, the BID's consultant at that time, Jay Greenstein, CD5 Planning Deputy, and other City staff for application preparation. The Melrose BID does not receive any of the funds nor is it in the official chain of command with respect to project details or construction or expenditures. The Melrose BID is an important stakeholder in the project and maintains an open line of communication with City staff in that regard. .
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> You were asking about project details and disbursement schedules that are really best answered by someone that knows the details. It would seem like Jay Greenstein, Debbie Dyner Harris, or Alexander Caiozzo, all copied above, would be the people for you to talk to. The Melrose BID will, of course, do everything we can to assist you.
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> As we can assist in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your efforts to bring peace, truth, and trust into the community.
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> <MTA Grant Description fr Future Vision Plan Doc.pdf>

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Cc: Margaret Taylor <margaret@apex-la.com>, Isack Fadlon <isackf@fadlonandrozio.com>, Denis Weintraub <drdenisweintraub@yahoo.com>, "Denis Weintraub & Sylvia" <misssyl@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed Sep 02 2020 11:22:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Personal Letter of Support for Uplift Melrose Project - Weintraub

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**Attachments:**

- Uplift Melrose _Weintraub-Koretz 200831.pdf

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Date: Wed Sep 02 2020 11:39:48 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Personal Letter of Support for Uplift Melrose Project - Weintraub

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To: Paul Koretz <paulkoretz42@yahoo.com>
Cc: Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>
Date: Wed Sep 02 2020 11:42:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Fwd: Personal Letter of Support for Uplift Melrose Project - Weintraub

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A personal letter to you regarding the Uplift Melrose project

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To: paul.koretz@lacity.org
Cc: debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org, alexander.caiozzo@lacity.org, duckworth.donald@gmail.com
Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 11:46:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Project Uplift Melrose

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Thank you very much.

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Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 12:09:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Fwd: Project Uplift Melrose

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I thought this was an interesting support letter, different from the usual folks who are more involved with the NC.

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From: **Yeshiva Ohr Elchonon Chabad** <info@yoec.edu>
Date: Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 11:47 AM
Subject: Project Uplift Melrose
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Cc: <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, <alexander.caiozzo@lacity.org>, <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>

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Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 12:10:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Project Uplift Melrose

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Date: Wed Sep 02 2020 14:46:17 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Connecting Michael and Dale -- re: Uplift Melrose

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Date: Wed Sep 02 2020 15:48:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Connecting Michael and Dale -- re: Uplift Melrose

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Thanks for sharing this information, Dale. I can certainly understand your concerns, and I appreciate your support for a greener city. If I can help connect any of the stakeholders you are interacting with with information on Uplift Melrose, please let me know.

Best,
Scott

On Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 4:53 PM Dale <kdk500@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Scott,
I guess there is some kind of a miscommunication. I guess because of Save Beverly Fairfax I get a lot of calls texts and emails from people in our area. At this point it's over 50 people that have contacted me and they are confused and just finding out about it. So I guess I'm just getting people that don't know what is going on and are concerned. As

I said I'm not sure if I think it's good or bad idea. But the one thing I do know is a lot of people in our area don't even know it's been proposed. I called several of my tenants and asked what they thought about Uplift Melrose and they don't even know what I'm talking about.
Thanks,
Dale
Also I am for more trees, bike paths, and a greener city to fight Climate Change, that's something that's very important to me.
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On Sep 2, 2020, at 4:30 PM, Scott Epstein <sepstein@midcitywest.org> wrote:

Hi, Dale.

We can certainly agree that we both want what is best for the community! I don't personally agree that there hasn't been very much outreach, but I respect your opinion on the matter. I've CCed Don Duckworth of the Melrose BID so that he is aware of your concerns.

There's no question that there are a diverse range of opinions on this project. But I will take issue with the implication that the project is exclusively supported by property owners. Mid City West has heard from many homeowners, renters, business owners, and others who strongly support the project.

Best,
Scott

On Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 4:09 PM Dale <kdk500@aol.com> wrote:

Hi scott,
Thanks for the quick reply. I guess my hunch is correct there hasn't been very much out reach to the community. It seems that the Melrose BID thinks this is good for the landlords on melrose so there pushing for it. If you could please let the Melrose BID know that they need to do a lot more outreach for the residence I would appreciate it, and I know our community would as well. I talk to a lot of people and when I mention it they haven't heard anything about it. And some of them have lived here for 15 to 20 years.
Thanks,
Dale
I know like me you want the best for our community.

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On Sep 2, 2020, at 3:48 PM, Scott Epstein <sepstein@midcitywest.org> wrote:

Hi, Dale.

Debbie Dyner Harris who is on this email would be better positioned than me to speak to the outreach efforts. The official outreach strategy has been implemented by StreetsLA, which is the lead city agency developing the plan and potentially applying for the grant funds, and by the Melrose BID. It's true of course that Mid City West voted to support the project, and we have been doing our best as a neighborhood council to engage our stakeholders around the preojct, including use of our social media and email list to promote participation in the different meetings and with the survey on the project website.

Again, StreetsLA could speak better to the elements of the outreach plan, but from where I've sat, it has included the project website, project survey, attendance at Mid City West, Melrose BID, and Greater Wilshire meetings, the town hall, and the postcards. There may very well be other efforts that I am not aware of.

Best,
Scott

On Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 2:46 PM Dale <kdk500@aol.com> wrote:

> Hi Scott,
> Hope you're doing well, and thanks for your quick response. In your email you say the flyers are one part of outreach, In my opinion it's a large part regarding this project.  Nobody I have spoken to just North or South of Melrose received a flyer, or knows anything about them. And those are the people, That really should know what's going on. I do know of several people that received flyers on their doors on the south side of Beverly Blvd. . Something sounds strange to me regarding the flyers. I think the BID does a great job representing the landlords on Melrose but I don't think they represent the residence or the people that rent the stores at all. Can you please tell me what the outreach was besides the flyers? I personally don't know if I'm for Uplift Melrose or against it, but I do feel everybody should be informed about it before a decision is made
> Thank you,

Dale Kendall
Co-President Save Beverly Fairfax
Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 2, 2020, at 2:16 PM, Scott Epstein <sepstein@midcitywest.org> wrote:
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> Hi, Dale.
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> Always great to be connected! Hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy in these challenging times. I greatly appreciate your assistance on outreach for the Mid City Neighborhood Greenway project, which I think is going to be a wonderful improvement for Beverly Fairfax.
>
> Dale, my understanding is that the flyering done by the BID included 2 blocks north and south of Melrose. I'm not sure why anyone south of Beverly would have received a flyer. That being said, the flyering is of course only one piece of the overall engagement strategy, and all community members can fill out the survey, provide feedback and opinions to Councilmember Koretz and StreetsLA, etc. As for Save Beverly Fairfax and the Greater Fairfax Residents Association, I'm unsure of whether the BID was aware of the organizations, although I know that Nora has been in very active communication with various decision-makers and I appreciate her engagement. I just became aware of the Greater Fairfax Residents Association very recently so perhaps the BID didn't know of its recent formation. In any case, I'm happy to make introductions, and also I'd be happy to chat with you about the various streetscape projects, Dale.

Very best,
Scott

On Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 11:53 AM Mehmet Berker <mberker@midcitywest.org> wrote:

> Hey Michael,
>
> Connecting you and Dale Kendall so you can connect about Uplift Melrose. Dale lives south of Melrose and is involved with Save Beverly Fairfax and the Greater Fairfax Residential Association.
>
> I've chatted with him and Nora about the Mid City Neighborhood Greenway, and he'll be helping us out there by providing contact info for interested folks that we can share with Babak and Charlie.
>
> Separate from that though, I wanted to connect him with you since you've been helping MCW outreach help for Uplift Melrose so that they were connected for that. Dale mentioned that folks in his area didn't receive fliers but folks south of Beverly did, and that the BID did not reach out to Save Beverly Fairfax or Greater Fairfax Res. Assoc. It is conceivable that the BID does not have these contacts or there is some sort of disconnect. But in our role, we can help bridge that disconnect and make sure people are connected and in the know!
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> I'll let you two take it from here.
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> Thanks,
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Awesome indeed, thanks so much to the BID for their amazing support with the outreach for Uplift Melrose. Truly appreciated.

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Regarding HSIP grants, it appears that Deny is suggesting we submit something for this October deadline. Given that the above public safety issue has not yet been resolved, the Councilmember won't be able to support another grant application. In

addition, HSIP grants are done through LADOT and we would need to have a conversation with them as to whether or not this would even make sense on Melrose. We have a lot of work to do with the various stakeholders and first responders before we head off on another grant application.

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Subject: Re: Melrose BID MTA Grant

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Thanks Jeff. This will be very helpful. Debbie & I have already discussed the MTA Grant and the Melrose BID's interests. We look forward to connecting with Kevin and fleshing out a realistic and effective program for the City, Melrose BID, and MTA as soon as possible.

The Melrose BID Board is discussing this subject at their Board Meeting tomorrow.

On Thu, Nov 7, 2019 at 3:54 PM Jeff Jacobberger <jeff.jacobberger@lacity.org> wrote:

> Don:
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> I'm looping Councilmember Koretz' District Director, Debbie Dyner Harris, and Street Services' Kevin Minne, into the conversation.
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> (Debbie and Kevin: I worked with the Melrose Avenue BID in preparing this grant application several years ago before I started with the City.)
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> I know that, for other grants, the State has allowed the City to change elements in the proposal. Kevin should be able to help walk you through the process.
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> If any of you need any other info, please let me know.
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We are getting ready to try to negotiate some refinements / clarifications for incorporation into the MTA Grant. Maybe you even have some ideas for us here.

Who did you work with @ CD5 in preparing the application? Wasn't the understanding always that there would be an openness to improved line items that made good sense and met "1st mile, last mile" needs?

Since Ferdie Chan retired, we are not sure who to contact on the BSS staff about this grant. Do you have any idea?

We really want to get 2 Cobra style new crosswalks installed asap (@ Stanley and @ Orange Grove) that we have obtained TCR approvals for, possibly through the Grant. We'd also like to see some "festival lighting" installed along the street. And there are design needs that require specialized capabilities that are congruent with the Melrose Arts District Marketing & Promotions branding / imagery.

I've attached a copy of a budget summary as well as the Future Vision Plan section you wrote about the MTA Grant.

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We are getting ready to try to negotiate some refinements / clarifications for incorporation into the MTA Grant. Maybe you even have some ideas for us here.

Who did you work with @ CD5 in preparing the application? Wasn't the understanding always that there would be an openness to improved line items that made good sense and met "1st mile, last mile" needs?

Since Ferdie Chan retired, we are not sure who to contact on the BSS staff about this grant. Do you have any idea?

We really want to get 2 Cobra style new crosswalks installed asap (@ Stanley and @ Orange Grove) that we have obtained TCR approvals for, possibly through the Grant. We'd also like to see some "festival lighting" installed along the street. And there are design needs that require specialized capabilities that are congruent with the Melrose Arts District Marketing & Promotions branding / imagery.

I've attached a copy of a budget summary as well as the Future Vision Plan section you wrote about the MTA Grant.

Let me know your thoughts. Thank you.

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Alexander, I'd like to share the website on our social media prior to the meeting if possible to help drive people to attend. I also want to make sure you understand that we need to take public comment on the item. I am leaning toward having your team present first so that public commenters can see the details before commenting.

Don, to your earlier email, I agree that we want to get to the item as soon as possible, and will work to get there as soon as we can. There are things, however, we need to do prior to the item, like appoint a new member.

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Date: Mon Apr 13 2020 11:55:18 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: MTA Grant Wayfinding Signage, Street Furniture, & Entry Features

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Thank you for the response and for sharing the attachments. We will internally review and decide what graphics to show as place holders.

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To: paul.koretz@lacity.org
Cc: debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org, alexander.caiozzo@lacity.org, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 15:09:56 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Support for Uplift Melrose Project

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- Uplift Melrose Project.pdf

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To: Paul Koretz <paulkoretz42@yahoo.com>, Joan Pelico <joan.pelico@lacity.org>, Greg Martayan <gregory.martayan@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>
Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 15:38:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Fwd: Support for Uplift Melrose Project

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Subject: Re: Support for Uplift Melrose Project
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That's Fine with me.

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Date: Mon Apr 20 2020 16:14:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Thank You - MTA Grant Melrose Ave

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Date: Fri Apr 24 2020 19:49:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Thank You - MTA Grant Melrose Ave

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We have initiated discussions with BSL about the possibility of adding "Cafe / Market / Festival" lighting along Melrose. We have the applications, permits, policy, etc. We have talked with Enrique Sanchez @ BSL who seems to be the right guy. We are awaiting a cost proposal from the vendor that installed the Cahuenga lighting. Alexander, I hope that you and Jeff might collaborate with us as we consider alternative lighting installation designs. Your expertise is so valuable.

Based on our last meeting and subsequent discussions, it seems to me that the BID Board might well want to consider bulb out options in conjunction with installation of the new crosswalks. They seem to have the added benefit of slowing traffic, which is a priority for the Mid City West Neighborhood Council, as I understand it. This might well be true even if some parking were lost. If bulb outs were incorporated at Stanley and Orange, that might establish a pattern for repetition with subsequent City or grant funding over time.

Alexander, we were going to schedule a meeting to discuss how we can work to facilitate the MTA Grant with crosswalk installation. Maybe we could use a small amount off Grant funding to pay for design or some other aspect of the crosswalks that would advance their priority for City Gas Tax or other funding. What do you think? Can we set that up for a specific time next week?

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Jeff and I have now reached out to our Grants Section, and have discussed your desire for bulbouts, crosswalk enhancements, Prop 218 lighting and other items not covered in the original 3.9 million grant. We will be having a follow up internal meeting next week regarding any possibilities or opportunities for additional grant funds and any possible methods on how the BID can gain the desired scope items. Once we have some more definitive answers, we will update the BID and Council Office via conference call. Until we have some more answers in regards to grant funding, we will hold off on setting up a meeting with DOT to discuss additional crosswalk enhancements.

In the interim, we would still like to identify priority corridors for enhancements along Melrose; whether or not additional funding is obtained. Do you have any availability Thursday or Friday (4/30 or 5/1) of this week to have a conference call to do a 'walk through' of the corridor and site plans via google/screenshare. At that time we can discuss in further detail our findings/assessments of the sidewalk conditions and overall existing site conditions, block by block. Let us know what day and time works best and we can send a calendar invite.

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Date: Wed May 13 2020 08:50:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Thank You - MTA Grant Melrose Ave

Good Morning Donald,
Per our discussion last week, StreetsLA is looking into the additional grant possibilities and studying the corridor for possible increase in scope to be included in an ATP Grant.

Did you and the BID Group have a chance to identify key/focus corners within the Melrose corridor - from Highland to Fairfax? In addition, were there any comments to the meeting minutes, if not we will issue the final minutes.
Please let us know.

Thank you,

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Date: Tue Aug 11 2020 13:45:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: RE: TIME SENSITIVE! Please Respond! Hancock Park Streets—Urgent

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Hello, Debbie,

Thank you for the information!
We appreciate your keeping us informed on feedback and concerns from your constituents.

We will monitor this 4th Street item, including the GWNC Board meeting and community comments.

There are clear differences between the 2 proposals. Some that immediately pop out:

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- Uses – Melrose has a retail base that requires pedestrian activity to survive, 4th is all residential
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- Walkability to retail – Melrose residents love Melrose Boulevard and have supported efforts to keep small unique businesses viable that they can also walk to instead of driving outside the area
- Funding – Melrose proposal is State Funded

We also see there are some similar factors, especially making sure we reach out and engage with neighbors as we work our way through this process.
For that reason, we will take a close and careful look at community comments and plan a strong outreach engagement as we continue.

Thank you for the conversation and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Margaret Taylor**

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Debbie

**From:** Hancock Park Homeowners Association est 1948 <admin@hancockparkhomeownersassociation.org>
**Date:** August 8, 2020 at 7:53:27 PM EDT
**To:** Stanley Treitel <Stantreitel@aol.com>
**Subject: TIME SENSITIVE! Please Respond! Hancock Park Streets**
**Reply-To:** "Cindy Chvatal-Keane" <snorekel@gmail.com>

# TIME SENSITIVE!
# Please Respond!  Hancock Park Streets

Dear Hancock Park Residents,

* If you haven't had a chance to reply yet!

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1) Require LADOT conduct a comprehensive study, *with community involvement and input,* to determine possible future needs for 4th Street
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3) Install needed ADA compliant curbs on 4th street,
4) Repair sidewalks and street sections using designs that preserve our mature tree canopy,
5) That no stop signs will be removed from 4th street in Hancock Park
6) That no Bike Traffic Lights or Restricted Turns will be installed at the intersections of 4th and Rossmore and 4th and Highland.
7) Require the City and GWNC include the Hancock Park community and Hancock Park Homeowners Association in any future discussions regarding 4th Street.

Your opinion is essential

the HPHA'48

For Context:

Earlier this year, hundreds of Hancock Park residents and neighbors expressed opposition to bike traffic light treatments and installation of restrictive turns on 4th Street at both Highland and Rossmore proposed by the GWNC Traffic Committee. The same bike plan for 4th street had already been opposed by the GWNC, the City and the Hancock Park community in 2011. The community had also been guaranteed no changes would be made without our HP community involvement. In violation of that agreement, the GWNC Traffic Committee has now voted to bypass the community, rescind the motion to oppose and instead revive the bike traffic light treatments, further prohibiting cars on 4th Street from ever crossing Highland and Rossmore at any time. This will drive traffic onto neighborhood side streets, and play havoc with Hancock Park. In addition, the proposed changes are prohibitively expensive— about $1.5 million total— when the city has no money to spare. The proposed bike plan is impractical, unrealistic, and strongly opposed by the community.

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Date: Wed Aug 19 2020 16:31:01 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose

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Hi Kevin and Peter,
We are actually preparing an invitation for a virtual community meeting on Wednesday August 26th at 6:30 pm. The invite will go out this evening or tomorrow morning. In addition, we will be presenting to the Greater Wilshire Land Use Committee on Tuesday August 25th. At this point, we might actually be running out of options for other days/times to present, as our initial outreach will be completing next week. Would you like to be included in the August 26th meeting? I am also happy to discuss the project with you as well over the phone if you have any immediate questions.

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On Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 1:44 PM Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org> wrote:

> Sounds good. Alex, what is your availability?
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> On Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 1:39 PM Peter Nichols <peter@melroseaction.com> wrote:
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> > Thank you so much for reaching out regarding this major project. This week won't work for mobilizing people to be part of this but next week would be great. How bout you formulate a date and time and let me know. Anything after Monday would give us sufficient time.
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> > Best and safety to all!
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> > Peter
> >
> > **Peter Nichols** | Melrose Action | Melrose Action Neighborhood Watch | Co-Founder, Coordinator

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On Aug 19, 2020, at 1:17 PM, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Peter,

I hope you are well. I would like to introduce you to Alexander Caiozzo, Landscape Architect from StreetsLA, if you two haven't already met. Alexander is the City's lead on the Uplift Melrose project and he would like to schedule a time ASAP to present this project to you and the Melrose Action Committee (15 minute presentation + 15 minutes of Q&A).

Are you able to make time for this later this week or early next week?

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 11:37:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Recovery Assistance Needs Melrose Property & Business Owners

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 12:11:16 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Recovery Assistance Needs Melrose Property & Business Owners

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Yes, will do right now

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> kevin, can you please update the briefing doc and share it with PK for our briefing this afternoon? thanks
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Date: Mon Mar 23 2020 11:15:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Small Business Need for Property Tax Payment Deferrment

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Date: Mon Mar 23 2020 13:44:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Small Business Need for Property Tax Payment Deferrment

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Date: Thu Mar 26 2020 12:03:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Small Business Need for Property Tax Payment Deferrment

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Date: Fri Mar 27 2020 18:01:18 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Small Business Need for Property Tax Payment Deferrment

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thank you everyone I appreciate your help!

On Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 4:24 PM Jasmine Shamolian <jasmine.shamolian@lacity.org> wrote:

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Date: Thu Aug 13 2020 10:32:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Thank you & CD5 Business Improvement District's

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Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 11:40:47 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: The Proposed Uplift Melrose project

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parking plan, estimated construction time for the project, how merchant clients access their businesses during construction, will dockless mobility riders use the bike lane, who is responsible for ongoing maintenance and many, many more. If these plans exist, no mention was made of them at the zoom meeting. If such plans do not exist, that alone should be enough reason to demand that the parties proposing Uplift Melrose put in the work, do the research and planning, offer solutions and present it to the public. Only then can a plan be agreed to by all parties.

· If LADOT has not done a study of the impact of traffic flow regarding the loss of two lanes of traffic from Fairfax to Highland and the surrounding area, it is beyond crazy, is poor planning and in my opinion, negligent. Melrose is one of the more narrow traffic arteries in the area. Clearly, fifty percent of traffic is not going to magically disappear once it hits this stretch of Melrose and there will be significant impact all along Melrose and surrounding streets, but especially bottlenecks at the major intersections. While I understand that one of the objects of this proposal is to reduce and slow traffic and encourage walking along this stretch of Melrose, I think everyone needs to be realistic about what a reasonable expectation of "reduced traffic" is.

The Uplift Melrose proposal design wants to make Melrose the type of area that will draw more people when completed, which means there is a distinct potential of increased traffic from outside to the neighborhood, even if through commuter traffic somehow gets diverted elsewhere. Melrose BID's own study last year showed that over 90% of people coming to shop on Melrose Avenue came by car or UBER. I surmise that while the percentage of alternate transportation users might increase, it is improbable that the majority of persons frequenting the type of shops on Melrose will come by bike, public transportation or on foot in the future. The spread of Los Angeles is simply not going to change.

· Given the recent looting and burned buildings on Melrose, it seems prudent to ask for an explanation of how this plan will impact emergency vehicles, including ambulances and fire engines. Have emergency services been asked for and given their input on this proposal?

· The Melrose BID, your own office, area merchants and residents already know that parking for Melrose shoppers has ALWAYS been a serious problem for the area. Uplift Melrose as presented, makes an already bad problem worse, and offers ZERO options of how to solve it. I am shocked that Melrose BID would accept a plan with decreased parking. The Melrose Avenue shopping district is a single commercial street situated in the middle of a much larger residential area along with two schools. The residents do not much impact the businesses, but the businesses certainly impact the residents. Residential streets absorb the parking overflow for restaurants, valet parking, retail stores and The Melrose Trading Post etc. Additionally, there are several blocks – Stanley, Curson and Sierra Bonita – that are not in any PPD, so these blocks would disproportionately bear the further burden of parking from this project, since they have no recourse to setting up parking restrictions.

· I want to state that I am not against improving Melrose. I would love to see it be a much nicer street for pedestrians and I think that many of the improvements shown in the renderings would be wonderful. If a good plan that solves the traffic and parking and various other issues created by the project is presented, I believe the neighborhood residents and merchants might support it. Residents, who are the majority stakeholders in the area, deserve to be presented with a comprehensive plan that they can live with. Shame on StreetsLA and LADOT for presenting a plan that offers no solutions to the problems it creates and shame on MCCW for failing to perform due diligence and ask for those solutions on behalf of the residents they purportedly represent.

· I would urge you to reject this very rushed and poorly considered proposal at this time and until such time as needed outreach to the neighborhood and appropriate studies have been done. I would suggest that StreetsLA, MCCW and Melrose BID all step back and take the time to come up with a comprehensive plan that offers solutions to the problems the plan creates, present it to the area residents with plenty of time to receive input and then apply for a Caltrans grant. That is the only logical, fair and sensible way to proceed at this time.

Best regards,
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To: "James O'Sullivan" <jamesos907@gmail.com>
Cc: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, Angela Lightfoot <moneypennyla@gmail.com>, Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>, Board <board@midcitywest.org>, Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Nora Wyman <norawyman@gmail.com>, keithnakata@mac.com, peter@melroseaction.com, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Date: Fri Aug 21 2020 19:31:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: The Proposed Uplift Melrose project

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James,
I'm hoping that Plan B is forceful and will nip this project as it is being presented at this time.
It is being thrown on us with not enough time to get residents and community input. Many residents are old and their voices will not be heard due to how the meeting will be facilitated.
Even for those who are quite familiar with how zoom works, a zoom meeting will be a challenge.
The back and forth dialogue will be absent.
There has been zero transparency from the onset of this project. Which we all know has been in the making for over a year.
I do agree with many of the ideas but also question a number of the details. Unfortunately, there's not enough time before the proposal is due on September 15th to hammer out a great idea and resolve the sticky features.
Those powers that are ruling this plan should have involved us earlier on so that we could have all come up with a proposal that would be wonderful for Melrose and takes into consideration the neighboring residents. They selected not to include us... I wonder why?
How many people actually now know about this project and how many will know about it before the meeting next week? Will they understand that the current plan removes 2 lanes of traffic? The current information dances around this with fancy terminology. Do they understand that pedestrians will share the sidewalk with Lime and Byrd Scooters? Do they know that ALL the detoured traffic will be on the residential streets?
Way too many unanswered questions.
Too bad StreetsLA, Melrose BID, LADOT and MCW didn't want to include the community in the first place. Could it be they wanted to pass this through without community input? Sure sounds

that way!
Sincerely,
Karen

Sent from my iPhone

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> On Sat, Aug 22, 2020 at 8:48 AM Karen Hebert <hebertmgt@aol.com> wrote:
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> > *Thank you for your detailed explanation. Sounds like we have a very similar situation here with Uplift Melrose.*
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> Here are a couple of articles but there are more on the web.
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> https://la.curbed.com/2019/4/12/18308149/rowena-road-diet-report-cut-through-traffic
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> https://la.curbed.com/2017/10/18/16501128/playa-del-rey-road-diet-lane-reduction
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community in the first place. Could it be they wanted to pass this through without community input? Sure sounds that way!
Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone

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To: Michael Schneider <mschneider@midcitywest.org>
Date: Mon Aug 24 2020 17:31:16 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: The Proposed Uplift Melrose project

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323-866-1828 but send an invite anyway so it is on my calendar. thanks

On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 5:30 PM Michael Schneider <mschneider@midcitywest.org> wrote:

> 915 is great. What # or I can send you an invite with a google link
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>> On Aug 24, 2020, at 5:27 PM, Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org> wrote:
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>> Hi, sorry I didn't see your email. It got lost in a very long string. i can talk tomorrow at 9 :15 if you like or after 11.
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Debbie

On Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 11:41 AM Angela Lightfoot <moneypennyla@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Councilman Koretz ,

Last week, I attended the zoom meeting of the MCCW in order to learn more about the proposed Uplift Melrose project. As a long term resident of the area, I wanted to know what it was all about and how it could affect this neighborhood. The proposal design as shown was lovely, and I wish I could wake up magically one morning and find that Melrose now looked like that. However, I also realize that this project could equally mean that I wake up one day to a nightmare of finding that my residential neighborhood streets are now far noisier, jammed with traffic , and full of parked cars from commercial customers and commuters looking for alternative ways to travel east and west. As they say, the devil is in the details. There were precious few of them in the presentation at that meeting, other than some pretty renderings.

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Date: Tue Aug 18 2020 15:53:11 GMT-0700 (PDT)
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Date: Wed Aug 19 2020 12:07:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose - Building a Better Community

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Date: Fri Aug 28 2020 16:39:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: UPLIFT MELROSE - LETTER OF SUPPORT

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**Attachments:**

- UPLIFT_CD5.pdf

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In addition to your letter of support to the Council Office; we kindly request you please provide a letter of support using the attached Word Document template. In order to have a complete grant application, a minimum of 10 letters of support are required and a letter from your organization will make an even stronger chance of StreetsLA winning the grant funding.

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*alexander.caiozzo@lacity.org*

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Subject: Uplift Melrose project brief with poll link

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Looking forward to our continued collective efforts to improve the Melrose corridor.

Best,

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Date: Mon Aug 31 2020 16:35:43 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Uplift Melrose Project Letter of Support - Irving Lebovics

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This email will transmit Irving Lebovics' letter of support for Uplift Melrose as President of Agudath Israel of California and an activist for many of the orthodox residents in the Hancock Park / Melrose and LaBrea areas.

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**Attachments:**

- Melrose BID & I. Lebovics Letter 200831.pdf

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From: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
To: Paul Koretz <paul.koretz@lacity.org>
Cc: Debbie Dyner Harris <Debbie.DynerHarris@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>, Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Joan Pelico <Joan.Pelico@lacity.org>, Leila Lee <Leila.Lee@lacity.org>, Margaret Taylor <margaret@apex-la.com>, Rana Ghadban <Rana@hollywoodchamber.net>, Kim Sudhalter <kim@urbanlegendpr.com>, Scott Epstein <sepstein@midcitywest.org>
Date: Mon Aug 31 2020 17:01:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Uplift Melrose Project Letter of Support - Melrose BID

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This email will transmit the Melrose BID Board's unanimous and enthusiastic support for the Uplift Melrose Project.  We look forward to meeting with the Council Member on Wednesday. As always, as we can assist further in any way, don't hesitate to contact me.  Thank you.

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**Attachments:**

- Koretz Ltr 200831 exe.pdf

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From: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
To: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Cc: Kim Sudhalter <kim@urbanlegendpr.com>, Margaret Taylor <margaret@apex-la.com>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>
Date: Mon Aug 31 2020 12:39:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: UPLIFT MELROSE PROPOSAL - Letter of Support Needed (From Other Organizations)

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Don,
In addition to a letter of support from the BID, can you please request letters of support from the school contacts (Melrose Elementary and Fairfax High) and churches/temples in the area.
Thank you -
**Use the request format below:**

We kindly request you please provide a letter of support using the attached Word Document template. In order to have a complete grant application, a minimum of 10 letters of support are required and a letter from your organization will make an even stronger chance of StreetsLA winning the grant funding.

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*alexander.caiozzo@lacity.org*

Thank you again for your support.

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**Attachments:**

- Uplift Melrose Letter of Support_Template.docx

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From: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
To: info@yoec.edu
Cc: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>
Date: Mon Aug 31 2020 12:21:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: UPLIFT MELROSE PROPOSAL - Letter of Support Needed

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My name is Alexander Caiozzo, Project Manager and Landscape Architect for the Uplift Melrose Proposal. Thank you for your interest and support in the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) seeking grant funding for this exciting project.

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Date: Fri Sep 04 2020 17:00:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: UPLIFT MELROSE PROPOSAL - Letter of Support Needed

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Date: Fri Sep 04 2020 17:27:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Fwd: UPLIFT MELROSE PROPOSAL - Letter of Support Needed

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Fyi

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Donald Duckworth** <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 4, 2020, 5:12 PM
Subject: Re: UPLIFT MELROSE PROPOSAL - Letter of Support Needed
To: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
Cc: Isack Fadlon <isackf@fadlonandrozio.com>, Denis Weintraub <drdenisweintraub@yahoo.com>

Good Afternoon...

Attached is the MBID revised letter.

I will have the Friends of Fairfax High School Letter tomorrow night. I'll send it to you Sunday. It's been completed , just needs to be run through the scanner.

Melrose Elementary School Principal is in process on his letter. I may have to pick it up Tuesday, September 8 and transmit it that day.

Hope Lutheran Church letter is in process. Details to follow.

Jewish community letter is in process with Isack Fadlon. Details to follow.

Mid City West Community Council letter is in process with Isack Fadlon. Details to follow.

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**Attachments:**

- Uplift Melrose Letter of Support_MBID 200904 exe.pdf

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From: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
To: Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Cc: margaret@apex-la.com, Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Sunil Rajpal <sunil.rajpal@lacity.org>, Ana Tabuena Ruddy <Ana.Tabuena-Ruddy@lacity.org>, Kevin Minne <kevin.minne@lacity.org>, Ernesto Gonzalez <ernesto.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>, Tim Fremaux <tim.fremaux@lacity.org>
Date: Wed Aug 12 2020 12:07:04 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Uplift Melrose Proposal: Melrose Avenue Offsite Parking Opportunities

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Good Afternoon Donald,

StreetsLA was happy to have good feedback and support at the Mid City West Community Council Meeting last night. The Board/public comments regarding the proposed safety improvements (protected bike lanes, lane reductions, wider sidewalks etc) were overall positive. However, as you heard there was some concern with the potential 40-50% loss of parking along Melrose Avenue.

In past conversations with you and the BID, the Melrose Vision Plan already touched on these types of proposed safety improvements as well as the effect on parking.

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To: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>, Donald Duckworth <duckworth.donald@gmail.com>
Cc: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>, Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>, Sunil Rajpal <sunil.rajpal@lacity.org>, Ana Tabuena Ruddy <Ana.Tabuena-Ruddy@lacity.org>, Kevin Minne <kevin.minne@lacity.org>, Ernesto Gonzalez <ernesto.gonzalez@lacity.org>, Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>, Tim Fremaux <tim.fremaux@lacity.org>
Date: Wed Aug 12 2020 13:10:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: RE: Uplift Melrose Proposal: Melrose Avenue Offsite Parking Opportunities

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Hello, Alexander,

I will prepare some information for you in coordination with Don.
We will also update you during the Uplift Melrose BID meeting presentation Friday.

Kind regards,

**Margaret Taylor**

**APEX LA**
11301 W Olympic Blvd #700
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**C:** 818.398.2740
margaret@apex-la.com

**From:** Alexander Caiozzo [mailto:Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2020 12:07 PM
**To:** Donald Duckworth
**Cc:** Margaret Taylor; Debbie Dyner Harris; Jay Greenstein; Jeff Palmer; Sunil Rajpal; Ana Tabuena Ruddy; Kevin Minne; Ernesto Gonzalez; Kevin Nahai; Tim Fremaux
**Subject:** Uplift Melrose Proposal: Melrose Avenue Offsite Parking Opportunities

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From: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
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Cc: Martin Schlageter <Martin.Schlageter@lacity.org>, Ana Tabuena Ruddy <Ana.Tabuena-Ruddy@lacity.org>, Kevin Minne <kevin.minne@lacity.org>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>
Date: Tue Sep 08 2020 16:50:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Uplift Melrose Support and Opposition Documentation

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Hi Debbie,
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**Attachments:**

- Support Letters and Emails to CD5, BID and StreetsLA.pdf
- Opposition Emails to CD 5 and StreetsLA.pdf
- Support Letters to Cal Trans.pdf
- List of Official Support and Opposition.pdf
- StreetsLA Online Poll Results.pdf
- StreetsLA Online Poll Comments.pdf

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To: Alexander Caiozzo <Alexander.Caiozzo@lacity.org>
Cc: Martin Schlageter <Martin.Schlageter@lacity.org>, Ana Tabuena Ruddy <Ana.Tabuena-Ruddy@lacity.org>, Kevin Minne <kevin.minne@lacity.org>, Jeff Palmer <jeff.palmer@lacity.org>
Date: Tue Sep 08 2020 17:41:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose Support and Opposition Documentation

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Sorry everyone. Thank you so much for all of your hard work, effort and dedication. You are a great team, and we are lucky to work with you. I look forward to working with you on Metro grant,
Debbie

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Date: Thu Aug 20 2020 16:54:00 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Uplift Melrose Virtual Community Meeting: Wednesday August 26th 6:30 pm

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Good Afternoon All,
Please join the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) on **Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 pm** - for a **Virtual Community Meeting** to learn more about the Uplift Melrose Proposal.

Working with neighbors, business owners, tenants, Council District 5, and others in the community around Melrose Avenue, StreetsLA has identified exciting and transformative improvements to the streetscape between Fairfax and Highland Avenues, to Uplift Melrose and activate safe public space on the streets of LA.This will be your opportunity to gain a better understanding of the project proposal and have your voice heard. If the Uplift Melrose Proposal is approved by the community, StreetsLA will be submitting a competitive grant application in September, for State funding in the amount of approximately 50 million dollars.

**See attached Virtual Community Meeting flyer**

**Or go directly to our website here**
https://streetsla.lacity.org/melrose

We would appreciate it if the BID, Council Office, and Neighborhood Councils can share this attached flyer invitation with other constituents, business owners, residents etc. StreetsLA, Mid City West and the BID canvassed Melrose Avenue today, informing tenants of the upcoming meeting. Informational flyers will also be dropped at 5,000 residences north and south of Melrose as early as Monday.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the virtual community meeting on Wednesday August 26th.

Regards,

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**Attachments:**

- Uplift Melrose August 26th Virtual Community Meeting.pdf

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Date: Thu Aug 20 2020 17:16:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose Virtual Community Meeting: Wednesday August 26th 6:30 pm

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Alex,

Please be sure to send us the latest flyers and any information you would consider helpful.

I would like to email a number of them out so I can personally drum up neighborhood engagement for the GWNC Land Use meeting on Tuesday 8/25/2020 at 6:30pm. I have already been speaking to various neighbors and businesses about it and am excited to hopefully get some valuable feedback.

Best
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Philip A. Farha
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Board Representative Area 8 (Melrose)
Chair, Land Use Committee
Member, Transportation Committee

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GWNC Land Use Committee Agenda

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# GWNC Land Use Committee to Meet Virtually Tuesday, August 25th at 6:30 p.m.

The agenda is available at https://greaterwilshire.org/pdf/2020/08/LUC-agenda_8-25-2020.pdf.
Meeting documents can be found at https://greaterwilshire.org/LUCdocs/.

**Connect to the** August 25th, 6:30pm**Land Use Committee Meeting:**

- **Telephone** (audio only): dial (669) 900-6833 or (877) 853-5257 (toll-free), and enter Webinar ID Number: 915 2786 9326
- **Via Zoom App on PC, Mac, tablet, smartphone:** visit https://zoom.us/j/91527869326. *Test your system in advance at https://zoom.us/test. You may be prompted to download the Zoom app.*

The meeting is open to everyone - please join us if you can!  New to Zoom? Find helpful videos and tutorials

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Date: Thu Aug 20 2020 17:24:19 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose Virtual Community Meeting: Wednesday August 26th 6:30 pm

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Hi Philip,
In addition to the August 26th Virtual Community Meeting, we can create a separate flyer for the August 25th Land Use Committee Meeting and send back to you tomorrow. Is the Land Use Committee Meeting open to all and something you would like to publicly advertise?

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Best
pf


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GWNC Land Use Committee Agenda

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**Connect to the** August 25th, 6:30pm**Land Use Committee Meeting:**

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Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose Virtual Community Meeting: Wednesday August 26th 6:30 pm

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It is indeed a public and open meeting and, yes, we do advertise it!
In addition to some physical postings in permitted areas, we also have a Facebook and an instagram presence as well as a new Social Media manager.

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Cc: Kevin Nahai <kevin.nahai@lacity.org>
Date: Tue Sep 08 2020 17:53:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Uplift Melrose

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Date: Tue Sep 08 2020 18:36:21 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose

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Date: Wed Sep 09 2020 10:34:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose

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Date: Wed Aug 26 2020 15:32:21 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: UPLIFT MELROSE

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Date: Wed Aug 26 2020 16:00:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: UPLIFT MELROSE

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Date: Tue Aug 18 2020 15:01:58 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Uplift Melrose

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1. *traffic impact study for surrounding neighborhood streets*
2. *traffic impact study for Melrose itself when one lane is removed in each direction*
3. *the removal of parking spaces will cause an already bad situation to be worse*
4. *number of people who use bike paths in surrounding areas*
5. *Community/neighborhood meeting*

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*Sincerely,*

*Karen Hebert*
*849 North Stanley Avenue*
*Los Angeles, CA 90046*

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Date: Tue Aug 18 2020 15:16:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Fwd: Uplift Melrose

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Date: Mon Aug 31 2020 14:17:28 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: UPLIFT MELROSE: Letter of Support Request (Other Organizations)

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*alexander.caiozzo@lacity.org*

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Date: Wed Aug 19 2020 17:14:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: Uplift Melrose

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Hello, All.

Barbara has made quite a few claims and accusations in this email, and it would take quite some time to respond to them all. But I do want to highlight some inaccuracies. First, Uplift Melrose is most decidedly NOT an individual board member's road diet plan. Uplift Melrose rather is a proposed project by the **city**, led by the Bureau of Street Services with support by LADOT. Although I was not aware of the project until early August, my understanding is that the city initiated the project both to improve the pedestrian experience on Melrose and as a way to implement the Mobility Plan, which is the official transportation element of the General Plan and has been passed by the City Council. Second, the notion that board leadership intentionally left the community in the dark on the proposed plan is patently false. The item was placed on the agenda expressly to allow the opportunity for stakeholders and the board to weigh in, and multiple communication channels were used to share the information provided to us by the city including social media, our email list, and of course the agenda itself.

I am also dismayed by Barbara's dismissal of the voices of our stakeholders we heard at the board meeting. I am not somebody who believes the board should base its decisions purely on a tally of positive and negative public comments. The decision-making process is much more complicated than that. Our board members are all interacting with MCW stakeholders all the time and must evaluate all the engagement - in person, on social media, via email, and at our meetings - as well as their own experiences and analysis to make a decision. But to disrespect the voice of the stakeholders who took time to share their lived experience and opinions at our meeting by claiming they are mostly not of our community is inappropriate and would also seem to fly in the face of Barbara's stated desire to hear directly from stakeholders vested in the community.

Scott

On Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 2:49 PM Barbara Gallen <bgallen@midcitywest.org> wrote:

> Karen,
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> Let’s put some facts on the record.
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> 1. MCWCC Board Chair Scott Epstein was contacted by Streets LA / LADOT about Melrose Uplift on August 3, more than a week before the 8/11 board meeting.
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> 2. The Transportation Committee was not notified of this project, although I assume that the Transportation chair Michael Schneider was in the loop. Our committee could easily have held an emergency meeting to review the proposal but that would have required posting the Uplift Melrose proposal to the public. In fact, as a Transportation Cmte member I did not even get an email clueing me

in. There may have been a desire on the part of Board leadership to minimize the advance notice given to the public that this proposal would involve removing travel lanes. It certainly appears that way.

3. Board and Transporation Committee leadership have declined multiple requests over the past twelve months to canvas / engage the Melrose residential community about the prospect of removing travel lanes to facilitiate bike lanes and potentially also a center left turn lane. I personally served on the Transporation Committee and when last August Michael presented us with his own proposal for a Melrose lane reduction program I volunteered for the task force and offered to head up a team to go door to door in the community to hear what the people living nearby thought. I had called Kevin Nahai to learn the history of the situation, and Kevin told me the Melrose community had initiated the No Left Turn many years ago and the councilmember would be unlikely to support further changes without proof that the surrounding neighborhoods supported such change.

4. I was told in September 2019 by Michael that community outreach to guage interest in a Melrose re-design was premature.

5. When Michael's version of the road diet came before the Transportation Committee in Feb. 2020 I raised the issue of outreach again, without success.

6. When the motion for a Melrose road re-design was placed on the March 2020 board agenda, Nora Wyman decided to field a survey on NextDoor since MCWCC still had not reached out to the Melrose residential community. Just prior to the March meeting, Nora had gotten more than 200 respondents — from Melrose area residents — with more than 80 % voting NO on the idea. Board leadership was sent written proof of the survey and declined to discuss it or give it any weight. The board voted by a large majority to support Michael's melrose re-design to remove travel lanes to install bike lanes.

7. I have never taken a position opposing any version of re-designing Melrose. I volunteered for the task force last August because as someone who lives several miles away, I might enjoy biking up to Melrose with my son and enjoying that. But as I said to Michael Schneider last fall, for me "the community is king." I first needed to know how the Melrose residents feel about taking out travel lanes before I can support any proposal to do that. I don't care how people who live all around the City who might use the Melrose bike lanes once or twice a month feel about it. I care how the people who live on the adjacent streets feel and want to know if they will be bothered by having traffic re-routed to their side streets / parking on their streets.

8. At the March board meeting I questioned the propriety of having Michael, who I had just learned was the chairman of a polictical action committee — Streets for All — leading the charge on any proposal to radically alter a major roadway if that is the goal of his PAC. I said there is a conflict of interest betweeen furthering your personal agenda while the neighboring community has been kept out of the loop. The board leadership dismissed my concern.

9. Nora Wyman's NextDoor survey has in the meantime racked up hundreds more responses. I believe it is over 800 at this point. The per centage of Melrose area residents voting No on reducing travel lanes is still over 80%. Nora reported this at the August 11 board meeting during public comment. This alone should have raised a red flag to the board about proceeding. But it did not.

10. Before the 8/11 board meeting Michael Schneider mobilized people from outside the Melrose community to come to the board meeting to make public comment in support of Uplift Melrose. Other organizations that Michael and Scott are affiliated with were also enlisted to do the same. Thus, they were able to manipulate the public comment to appear to be a great amount of support for Uplift Melrose but that support mostly came from outside the Melrose community. While the Melrose community itself was kept in the dark.

11. I also note that Michael took action right after the board meeting to notify his special interest network about the LADOT. Streets LA survey about Uplift Melrose which served to generate "public support" for the proposal while never doing anything to get the word out to the Melrose community. We were told by Debbie Dyner that "2,000" responses to the survey had come in already, yet the Melrose community itself was still in the dark. Only now, with some of us, including Karen, making noise, is there any discussion of notifying the Melrose community.

11. Karen, you should also understand that per LADOT and Streets LA, the Uplift Melrose proposal grant application (due mid September) once submitted cannot be materially changed. If anyone gives you a vague promise of "we can always modify it later, let's not miss the submission deadline," you are being mis-led.

12. The publicly stated mission of the neighborhood council system is to facilitate the public's participation in governmental decision making. This whole thing has been an example—too often repeated at Mid City West on all manner of "projects," of the neighborhood council showing that it is primarily concerned with advancing the personal agenda of their committee chairs and board chair, and you should appreciate that they are the progressives and you are the "regressive" NIMBY who dpesn't want change.

**Barbara Gallen**
Zone 6 Rep
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On Aug 19, 2020, at 2:02 PM, Scott Epstein <sepstein@midcitywest.org> wrote:

Hello, Karen.

I can confirm that Mid City West was not aware of the Uplift Melrose proposal until shortly before our August board meeting. You have outlined many of the differences between the two plans. You are correct that they share some features, such as accommodation for cyclists in dedicated bike lanes and roadway modification to reduce vehicle lanes.

We placed the Uplfit Melrose plan on the agenda because it would be the only time Mid City West would have a chance to weigh in on the proposed project before the city's grant application deadline. As you know, we received a great deal of engagement at the meeting, and the board voted to support the project by a wide margin.

Best,

Scott Epstein
Chair
Mid City West Community Council

On Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 1:51 PM 'Karen Hebert' via Board <board@midcitywest.org> wrote:

> *Michael,*
> *Although I appreciate your response, how is this design included in the Agenda/Minutes from the March 10th meeting greatly different than what was discussed at the MCW meeting on August 11th?*
> *Yes, there have been some modifications, like a no turn lane, elevated bike path and the change in name, now being called Uplift Melrose.*
> *To say that about three weeks ago is when you first heard of Uplift Melrose is hard to believe. Name changes don't alter the initial intent.*
> *For your reference, I have attached the plans from the March 10 meeting.*
>
> *Sincerely,*
> *Karen Hebert*
>
> In a message dated 8/19/2020 12:57:07 PM Pacific Standard Time, mschneider@midcitywest.org writes:

Hi Karen,
Just wanted to chime in here. I can confirm as chair of the Transportation Commitee that what we passed in March was not the same as Uplift Melrose. The first time I personally heard of Uplift Melrose was about 3 weeks ago. What we passed in March was our support for changes to Melrose to make the street safer, more walkable, and more bikable. Uplift Melrose includes some of these elements but goes further, with many new trees, wider sidewalks, new lighting, raised crosswalks at all intersections, new way finding signage, etc. I didn't want you to feel like we have been working on this since March behind the scenes, so I felt it was important to distinguish the two things for you.

Lastly, I wanted to share with you that StreetsLA is currently working with the BID and MCW to flyer the community. Our goal is to get to and engage with as many residents as possible. You will see the flyers around the community starting tomorrow.

Michael

> On Aug 19, 2020, at 12:32 PM, 'Karen Hebert' via Board <board@midcitywest.org> wrote:
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> *Thank you Debbie for your immediate and detailed response.*
>
> *The Uplift Melrose proposal was included on the Mid City West agenda back in their March 10th meeting. The minutes (pages 6-8) state that...*
> "Mid City West supports this project and **aims to engage with residents**, businesses, and the Melrose BID to gain broad community support for the project." *To this day, there has been zero outreach...no flyers, no mass emails and no public meetings/hearings.*
>
> *My husband and I have* owned *our home on North Stanley Avenue for over 30 years and have lived here for over 20. We know many of our neighbors which was evident when the community took action against the proposed Stanley Plaza. To say that MCW aims to engage with residents is absurd. I bumped into 3 friends/neighbors this morning while walking my dog and 3 out of 3 knew nothing about this proposal.*
>
> *As I stated in my previous email, this plan did not happen overnight and has obviously been in discussion for quite some time so for us to just be hearing about it now is not what I would call community engagement.*
>
> *As Barbara Gallen pointed out in her email of August 18th, to already have 2000 participants in the survey is quite suspicious. The survey is flawed and will be impossible to vet the participants. They have not requested your address to be included. This will not be a fair survey including the community/neighbors/residents. Anyone with access to a computer from anywhere in the world who has zero vested interest in this neighborhood and aware of all the ramifications that this project will be cause, is able to complete the online survey. As you stated in your email*

*below, "community outreach did not really begin until just last week", then how is it possible to have over 2000 completed surveys?*

*Peter Nichols of Melrose Action maintains a large email list of actual local residents. If MCW truly wanted community input, why hasn't he contacted and asked to do an email blast. For that matter we also accumulated a neighborhood email list when working on the Stanley Plaza. It would have been very easy for MCW to contact one of us back in March to ask that we also do an informative email blast to our local residents.*

*I still believe, that once again, we are being steamrolled. Have traffic impact studies been done? Has anyone looked at Clinton Street just below Melrose to see if it can accommodate the increased traffic that this plan will inevitably incur? Have people who bicycle been asked if they will enjoy a ride with traffic signals ever other block? Will the amount of scooters that will be present increase danger to pedestrians? How many retail shops and restaurants are in favor of this plan? How many even know about it?*

*We are still in the midst of unprecedented times with the Covid 19 pandemic. How many small "mom and pop" stores on Melrose will even survive this let alone a year of construction?*

*I hope that Councilman Koretz takes my comments into consideration when making a decision regarding this pending project.*

*Sincerely,*
*Karen Hebert*
*849 N Stanley Ave*
*323 655 2010*

In a message dated 8/18/2020 3:52:32 PM Pacific Standard Time, debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org writes:

> Hello Karen, thank you very much for your email. I appreciate your feedback, and I hope that you'll be submitting your thoughts to the online survey. Here is the link if you do not have it: https://streetsla.lacity.org/melrose. Scroll to the bottom to click on the survey link.
>
> You asked what the Councilmember's position on this project is, and I am happy to share. At this time he is open minded to the concept, but he and his staff have made very clear to the proponents that he wanted to see significant community outreach to as many

folks as possible before he would feel comfortable taking a position. He understands that this would be a significant project with a long-lasting impact on the community, so he wants to be thoughtful about the process. Once he has an understanding of where community feelings lie, he'll be able to make an informed decision on whether to be supportive or not. As of yesterday, approximately 2,000 had
already submitted responses to the survey.

The community outreach did not really begin until just last week, when the City's StreetsLA (also known as Bureau of Street Services) presented the concept at the MCWNC. However, since then more outreach has occurred, and more will continue through the next few weeks. I hope you'll share the survey with your friends and neighbors in the Melrose area as every response helps.

I am very sorry that you tripped on a City sidewalk. One of the benefits this project would bring is sidewalk repair to improve pedestrian safety so no one else would experience what you went through.

Thank you again, and please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns,
Debbie

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 3:02 PM Karen Hebert <hebertmgt@aol.com> wrote:

> *Dear Councilman Koretz,*
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> *On Tuesday, August 11th, I attended a virtual Mid City West meeting. This is the very first time that I had heard anything about "Uplift Melrose". Since then I have visited the Uplift Melrose detailed website and it seems that plans have been in discussion for quite some time. I'm extremely disappointed that there has been zero public outreach to keep us informed. Not one neighborhood person I have spoken with knows anything about this. There has not been a community meeting allowing people to voice their opinions let alone being kept informed of these potential plans.*
>
> *In theory, Uplift Melrose appears to be a great idea. However, in execution it is greatly flawed. There is zero need for a bike path on Melrose Avenue. As much as people would like to think...LA is not a bike town. Very few people travel to work on a bicycle*

*and there are far better places to ride a bike for enjoyment other than on a city street. I don't see people driving to Melrose with their bikes on a bike rack to ride the 20 or so blocks this involves and there are no connecting bike paths to allow for a substantial ride. If they did drive here, those additional cars will park on our already congested side streets.*

*When BID wanted to put the Plaza on North Stanley Avenue, they did a questionnaire and the percentage of people who wanted a bike path was next to nil.*

*To suggest having a bike path on the same level as pedestrians is a very dangerous idea. There have already been numerous accidents that I know of involving scooters and pedestrians. A designated bike path will only be over-run with scooters.*

*There is an existing bike path on Fairfax Avenue and I have never seen anyone actually use it. Beverly Hills spent a great deal of money to install a bike path on Santa Monica Blvd which is also never used.*

*Melrose is a well traveled street. People use it to go to and from their homes, to work and to visit. It is a relatively narrow street and already overwhelmed with traffic. The mere thought of removing one lane of traffic in each direction is, in my opinion, a very poor plan. The street comes to a standstill when waiting for someone to parallel park their car or exit a parked space. With only one lane of traffic, people will become irate and speed into oncoming traffic just to keep moving. Even currently with two lanes in each direction, Melrose Avenue is often at a standstill.*

*Permanently not allowing any left turns off Melrose between Fairfax and Highland will put a considerable amount of additional traffic on our already burdened local neighborhood streets. It will take forever trying to make a left turn from Beverly Blvd. onto Fairfax in order to use Waring or Willoughby to travel East. And I suppose the same would be true on Highland Avenue.*

*This plan also calls for a reduction in parking. Parking on Melrose is currently extremely difficult, already burdening the local neighborhood streets and with a reduction, this will hinder existing business even further. Parking has always been the number one complaint from merchants and residence.*

*The existing sidewalks are in terrible shape. They*

*are broken, have pieces of missing cement and are uneven and cracked. I personally tripped on an uneven sidewalk and hit my head. An ambulance was called since I was unconscious for a few seconds.*

*The idea of additional lighting and landscape is great. The trees will beautify the area and the lights may have a positive impact on safety. I would like to support these changes along with much needed sidewalk repair.*

*I think that the following items need to be considered prior to moving ahead with this reckless idea:*

*1. traffic impact study for surrounding neighborhood streets*
*2. traffic impact study for Melrose itself when one lane is removed in each direction*
*3. the removal of parking spaces will cause an already bad situation to be worse*
*4. number of people who use bike paths in surrounding areas*
*5. Community/neighborhood meeting*

*Seems to me that encouraging/allowing the city the spend 40-50 million dollars on this project is absurd. We sadly have not seen the fallout from the Covid 19 pandemic. People will be jobless, evicted and hungry. Not the time to proceed with an unneeded vanity project considering the scope of the crisis we will be facing.*

*I would like to know where the Councilman's office stands on this project.*
*Please feel free to forward my comments to LA DOT and Streets LA as I do not have an email address to include.*

*Sincerely,*

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**Merchant/Tenant Outreach:**
Per our conversation today, the BID will be conducting outreach this week to the merchants/tenants along Melrose Ave. I will be present with the BID when walking Melrose, to assist in disseminating the Uplift Melrose Project Brief information as well as having tenants answer survey questions in person. We will print the flyer and start walking on Wednesday with the BID.

**Neighborhood/Residential Outreach:**
In lieu of knocking on doors (COVID safety concerns), it is recommended to place postcard style flyers on doors/gates/fences, with the Uplift Project information and website/survey location. StreetsLA will prepare these 5x7 format postcards by the end of the day tomorrow. Are there any resources the BID and/or Neighborhood Council may have for printing these postcards? In addition, as our resources and staff are very limited right now, can the BID and/or Neighborhood Council assist with flyering the neighborhood? We need to discuss the radius of flyering as well.

**School/Religious Organization Outreach:**
In order to make our outreach efforts as efficient as possible, can the BID or Neighborhood Council reach out to both Melrose Elementary and Fairfax Highschool, as well as local Orthodox Organizations and Synagogues. We would like to hold one meeting (via zoom) to share the project and field any questions/concerns. If this can be arranged for no later than next Wednesday August August 26th - that would give us enough time to compile data.

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The Melrose BID will print the neighborhood cards. Kim's got that dialed in and it's not expensive. She can also set up a distribution service. Can you prepare camera-ready copy? Maybe we just use your flyer format and customize it for the neighbor group?

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BID has FFHS and Melrose Elementary covered. Pierson has the HS. I've got the Elementary School.

Deny & Sylvia have Temple Young Israel and Joe Misrahi. Also any other local jewish groups.

Isack has Hancock Park and the Shabat on Willoughby. And he may be able to get us support from the group that does the Paramount event.

RE: Melrose Action Alerts: Peter Nichols appeared at MCWCC and asked for a project EIR to be completed. That will be done. Also Joan Fitzpatrick commented that the project seemed "too bicycle oriented" and the "neighborhood needs must be considered." This will be done in EIR. As I understand it, the neighborhood will be able to determine the means and location of neighborhood traffic protection measures. That seems to address this group for now. Should make them happy. I believe this project will have a positive effect on local residential property values.

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